

writ (rit). A court's written order, in the name of a state or other competent legal authority, commanding the addressee to do or refrain from doing some specified act.

Black's Law Dictionary, Seventh Edition, p. 1602.

certiorari (sər-shee-ə-**rair**-I or -**rair**-ee or -**rah**-ree). [Law Latin "to be more fully informed"] An extraordinary writ issued by an appellate court, at its discretion, directing a lower court to deliver the record in the case for review. ● The U.S. Supreme Court uses certiorari to review most of the cases that it decides to hear. — Abbr. cert. — Also termed *writ of certiorari*. Cf. CERTIFICATION (5).

Id. at 220.